(Provisional)

Name of the Drug	*Quantity seized (In kgs.)*		
	December 1991	*January 1992*	*February 1992*
Charas	29.272	30.355	-
Opium	1.460	1.813	-
Heroin	0.609	1.303	2.818
Ganja	10.000	19.500	-

No precise valuation of the narcotic drugs, which are often of indeterminate strength and composition, and are liable for destruction, is feasible.

(b) 154 persons were arrested. Appropriate action under the relevant law has been taken against the offenders.

Development of Sericulture in Karnataka

2918. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sent any plan for development of sericulture in he State to the Union Government for approval;

(b) if so, whether the Governent have received any request to stop the import of silk as it would affect the interest of farmers in the state; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY FOR TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLO): (a) No, sir.

(b) and (c). The Government of India has recently decided, in the context of outbreak of pebrine disease which had affected production as well as prices of silk in the country, to import 200 metric tonnes of silk. The Government of Karnataka has not sough any review of his decision. Some of the Government sponsored organisations of karnataka hae approached the Cenral Silk Board for allocation of imported silk.

Revamping of Nabard

2919. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to revamp the functioning of the National Bank for Agricuture and Rural Development for providing timely credit and other facilities to farmers, weavers, etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b).: National bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has been providing refinance facilities to the eligible banks to help them provide credit to farmers, weavers, etc. There is no proposal with the Government to revamp the functioning of NABARD.

Production of Cotton and Textiles by Various Sectors

2920. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state: